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SUBJECT:VISIT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (INTER-
NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS) TO OTTAWA

INTEREST GENERATED BY CANADIAN-U.S. CONSULTATIONS ON NORTH
AMERICAN DEFENSE MATTERS OVER RECENT MONTHS HAS RESULTED IN
AGREEMENT THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (INTERNATION-
AL SECURITY AFFAIRS) ROBERT ELLSWORTH WILL VISIT OTTAWA ON
10 FEBRUARY 1975. MR. ELLSWORTH'S PURPOSE WOULD BE TO
MEET APPROPRIATE SENIOR OFFICIALS OF DEFENSE AND EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS AND TO ENGAGE IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS OF SECURITY
MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. WHILE THE CONSULTATIONS RE-
CENTLY COMPLETED HAVE PERTAINED TO NORTH AMERICAN DEFENSE,
AND IN PARTICULAR TO AIR DEFENSE ASPECTS, MR. ELLSWORTH'S
DESIRE WOULD BE TO REVIEW BROADER ASPECTS OF MUTUAL DEFENSE
INTEREST, NAMELY NATO DEFENSE, TO INCLUDE THE CONCEPT FOR
LONG-RANGE DEFENSE, ADOPTED IN PRINCIPLE BY THE NATO
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MINISTERS IN DECEMBER, AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR CANADA AND

THE U.S., THE CANADIAN CONTRIBUTION TO UN PEACE-KEEPING,
AND APPROPRIATE POLICY ASPECTS OF NORTH AMERICAN DEFENSE.
THESE DISCUSSIONS WOULD SUPPLEMENT REGULAR CONSULTATIONS
WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE ALSO IN THE PJBD AND NATO.

TO THE EXTENT CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE, MR. ELLSWORTH WOULD
APPRECIATE RECEIVING INFORMATION ON THE THRUST OF THE
CURRENT CANADIAN DEFENSE REVIEW.

IF THERE SHOULD BE ANY PARTICULAR ASPECT OF U.S. DEFENSE
PLANS WHICH THE CANADIANS WOULD WISH TO DISCUSS, EARLY
ADVICE ON THIS WOULD BE APPRECIATED. MR. ELLSWORTH WILL
BE ACCOMPANIED BY A SMALL GROUP, TENTATIVELY CONSISTING
OF MAJOR GENERAL D. P. MCAULIFFE, DIRECTOR, EUROPEAN
REGION, OASD/ISA, DONALD A. KRUSE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR,
EUR/CAN, AND POSSIBLY ONE OTHER.

MR. ELLSWORTH WOULD FLY TO OTTAWA FROM WASHINGTON ON
MORNING OF FEBRUARY 10 IN MILITARY AIRCRAFT. HE COULD
BE THERE FOR TALKS BEGINNING AT ABOUT 1100, AND WOULD
PLAN ON RETURNING TO WASHINGTON AROUND MID-AFTERNOON. HE
IS PLEASED TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION TO LUNCH, WHICH WE
UNDERSTAND THE CANADIANS HAVE TENDERED ORALLY. -

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